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CALL FOR INTENSIFIED POLITICAL TRAINING

CRITICIZES SCHOOLS, LOCAL PARTY LEADERS -- Sofia, Rabotnichesko Delo, 15 Nov 50

In his report to the Third Party Conference, Vulko Chervenkov again stressed the need for better political training of Communist Party members and government functionaries. The party accordingly has expanded the number of party schools and their programs for the new course, which started 1 October 1950. The number of students enrolled in general and political schools, circles, and evening schools comprises 288,000 party members and candidates and about 42,000 nonparty activists, while 32,600 party members are taking self-educational courses in Marxist-Leninist theory.

However, some of the schools are not properly organized and fail to establish the necessary discipline, and a number of them have opened the courses with considerable delays. The allocation of students has not been handled correctly, and many illiterate persons have been enrolled who will first have to learn to read and write. Other schools have accepted a higher number of students than authorized by the decree of the Central Committee.

The main purpose of schooling is to provide every Communist with a sound knowledge of Marxist-Leninist theory, which is best accomplished by the persistent and conscientious work of propagandists. The latter point is not given sufficient consideration by many local party leaders, who do not offer propagandists the necessary support. The seminars for propagandists are very poorly attended. In Stara Zagora 40 percent of the students were absent from the courses; in Yambol, 50 percent. Such negligence is most detrimental to propaganda work, as the seminars provide not only theoretical training but also the practical method of organizing school courses, circles, self-educational courses, talks, etc., and apply the experience of the VKP(b) propagandists.

The responsibility for failures in party education lies with those party committees which are underestimating political educational work. Many of them have directed propagandists to survey grain deliveries and sowing operations. These errors and others must be speedily corrected to allow the proper application of the Central Committee's decree in regard to strengthening and expanding the political standards of the Bulgarian Communist Party.

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